

TO: Mayor and Board of Trustees
FROM: Village Administrator Steve Stricker and Staff
SUBJECT: Regular Meeting of December 12, 2011
DATE: December 12, 2011

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Unfortunately, for various reasons, we were unable to secure a student to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at tonight's meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2011 TAX LEVY

Enclosed is the public hearing notice for the 2011 Tax Levy. The Ordinance approving the Levy is item #6A on this Agenda.

6. ORDINANCES

A. 2011 Tax Levy

Enclosed is an Ordinance approving the 2011 Tax Levy. The total request for the 2011 Tax Levy is \$1,038,315, which represents an increase of \$54,387 or 5.53% over 2010.

It should be pointed out that the Village of Burr Ridge, like all non-home-rule communities in Cook and collar counties in the State of Illinois, is subject to a tax cap of 5% or the cost of living, whichever is lower. This year, the State imposed tax cap has been set at 1.5%. In order to capture all of the tax revenue available under this tax cap, the Village always requests a higher amount than we anticipate receiving. Again, the reason why we ask for more than we expect to receive is simply to ensure that we capture all the potential growth that has occurred in the Village over the past year.

The Tax Levy, which represents approximately 3% of a Burr Ridge resident's tax bill, is comprised of three separate levies:

1. The Corporate Levy
2. The Police Protection Levy
3. The Police Pension Levy

In addition, there is a Bond and Interest Levy for the Series 2003 (1996 Series refinanced) General Obligation Bonds issued for the Bedford Park Water Main Project. This Debt Service Levy was set when the bond issue was established and is not part of the Tax Levy that must be approved by the Board.

The Tax Levy Ordinance must be adopted and filed with Cook and DuPage Counties no later than the last Tuesday of December. The Corporate Levy and the Police Protection Levy represent approximately 5% of the total General Fund Revenues and are used to pay for normal expenses found in the General Fund. The Police Pension Levy, which is the legally required employer contribution, is determined by an independent actuarial valuation as of April 30, 2011. Once the pension requirement is established, the remaining dollars are allocated between the Corporate Levy (60%) and the Police Protection Levy (40%). The 2011 proposed Tax Levy is summarized as follows (see attached exhibits for more detail):

	Actual Extended 2010	Proposed Extended 2011	Dollar Change	% Change
Corporate	\$292,045	\$332,206	\$40,161	13.75%
Police Protection	\$126,594	\$221,471	\$94,877	74.95%
Police Pension	\$565,289	\$484,639	-\$80,650	-14.27%
TOTAL	\$983,928	\$1,038,315	\$54,387	5.53%
(net of debt service)				

It should be noted that the General Fund levies of Corporate and Police Protection were significantly increased due to the recent Police Pension reform. Dollars previously allocated to the Police Pension fund can now be utilized in the General fund.

It is our recommendation: that the Tax Levy Ordinance be approved.

B. Special Use (Z-25-2011: 16W505 South Frontage Road – Hertz Rental)

Attached is an Ordinance granting special use approval to permit the rental of automobiles with outside storage of vehicles within an existing automobile repair and service facility. Also attached is a letter from the Plan Commission recommending approval of the special use.

The Plan Commission concluded that the proposed use is consistent with existing uses on the subject property and within this highway corridor. The outside storage would be limited to a maximum of 10 licensed and operable cars. The existing parking lot has sufficient capacity to accommodate these extra cars.

It is our recommendation: that the Ordinance be approved.

7. RESOLUTIONS

A. Accept Subdivision Improvements – Madison Ridge Subdivision

Attached is a Resolution accepting the subdivision improvements for the Madison Ridge Subdivision. Madison Ridge is the three lot residential

subdivision at approximately 8800 Madison Street. The final plat was approved April 12, 2010 making the completion deadline April 12, 2012. The Village Engineer has completed all required inspections and determined that the subdivision improvements are complete.

It is our recommendation: that the Resolution be adopted.

8. CONSIDERATIONS

A. Plan Commission Recommendation – Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment (Stucco and Related Exterior Building Materials)

Please find attached a letter from the Plan Commission recommending approval of an amendment to the Burr Ridge Zoning Ordinance establishing guidelines for the use of stucco, exterior insulation finishing systems and related products as an exterior building material on new buildings and building additions in the Business, Office, and Transitional Districts.

The Zoning Ordinance requires site plan, landscape plan, and building elevation review by the Plan Commission and Board of Trustees for all new buildings and additions in these. Over the last few years, the Plan Commission has made recommendations to limit the use of stucco and synthetic stucco on building facades for specific projects. In light of these recommendations, the Board of Trustees directed the Plan Commission to review the applicable regulations.

It is the opinion of the Plan Commission that synthetic stucco is an inferior building product and its use should be limited. The Commission also believes that brick and stone are superior materials to cement based stucco. Therefore, they are recommending guidelines that discourage the use of synthetic stucco and limit the use of cement based stucco to a minority of the building façade. The Commission does not recommend prohibiting synthetic stucco or cement based stucco as it may be acceptable in limited situations such as the rehabbed Straub building on North Frontage Road.

It is our recommendation: that the Board directs staff to prepare an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Plan Commission.

B. Community Survey Q&A

This is a new item that will be placed on the agenda for the next several months. Mayor Grasso will present community-asked questions and answers that were generated through the recent Community Survey. The questions and answers will then be placed on our website.

C. Contract for Tree Trimming

The area scheduled to be pruned during the 2011-2012 winter season is Area 1 (see attached list of specific locations). This area encompasses 59th Street on the north, Plainfield Rd on the south, Madison St on the west, and County Line Rd on the east. Also included is Longwood Dr., which intersects County Line Rd.

Trees larger than 8" in diameter are trimmed by a contractor, while all other trees in the area are trimmed by Forestry Division staff. Approximately 886 trees, with an estimated diameter total of 11,434 inches, will be contractually pruned by Winkler's Tree Service, at a cost not to exceed \$42,000, which is equivalent to FY11-12 budget for this item. In conjunction with Winkler's crews, Forestry and Grounds personnel will be responsible for pruning approximately 254 trees within the same area.

The Village has maintained a tree trimming contract with Winkler's Tree Service of LaGrange Park for over 15 years, and Winkler's has become proficient as providing this service to the Burr Ridge standard; and the Village has been pleased with the quality of work performed by Winkler's crews. Winkler's has agreed to hold their previous year's price, which is \$3.60 per diameter inch.

It is our recommendation: that the contract for tree trimming be awarded to Winkler's Tree Service in the amount not to exceed \$42,000.

D. Approval of Vendor List

Enclosed is the Vendor List in the amount of \$132,672.01 for all funds, plus \$183,304.38 for payroll, for a grand total of \$315,976.39. The Vendor List includes the following special amount:

- \$24,266.60 – SKC Construction for Crack Routing and Filling (Capital Improvements Fund)

It is our recommendation: that the Vendor List be approved.